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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 38-43, 97-149, 151-154.

Please rewrite claim 1, to read as follows:

1 (amended). A safer method of immunization comprising
(I) determining whether an immunization schedule of one or more doses of one or more immunogens, which schedule protects against at least one infectious disease, may affect the incidence, prevalence, or frequency of at least one chronic immune-mediated disorder in at least one treatment group of mammals, relative to a control group of mammals, which comprises identifying at least one treatment group of mammals which received one or more doses of one or more immunogens, according to said immunization schedule, and comparing the incidence, prevalence or frequency of said chronic immune-mediated disorder in at least one treatment group, with that in at least one control group;

where said chronic immune-mediated disorder is a hyperactive immune response, and said mammals are human;

wherein the control and treatment group differ by at least one of the following differences:

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